

capture and secure same against separation.

Remarks

The reminder by the Examiner that the Abstract should be in narrative form and preferably limited to a single paragraph with the aim of assisting in determining a need to review or consult the subject matter of the issued patent is noted.

Applicant proposes to amend the Abstract upon acceptance of any claim as now amended or as further amended so that the proper focus can be expressed in that statement.

Claim Objections

Claims 6 and 10 objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 (c) have been amended to assert dependency only upon new claims 11 and 12 which have been entered to replace original claims 1 and 2 now cancelled, to which have been added expressions of structure in detailing the combination to more clearly capture the inventive concept disclosed; which in Applicants characterization reveals a much more simplified and commercially viable approach to furnishing an attractive and comfortably portable instrument armed with a securely anchored and at the ready repellent spray component to respond to an attack and as an instrument for defence, if that should arise.

Here Applicant also indicates that elected claims 2, 3, and 8, like claims 6 and 10 have been amended to depend from claims 11 or 12.

REJECTION of Claims 1, 2, 3, and 8 under 35 USC 102 (b)

Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled.

Claims 11 and 12 mirror claims 1 and 2 respectively in principal part with additional structure recited in the delineation of the surfaces of mated repellent spray device and cavity of the handle portion of the combination that under **press fit** are sufficiently engaged in an axial direction as to

"the cavity and reservoir having an axis of alignment and presenting opposed **axially extending boundary surfaces** of mating configuration substantially throughout their extent and of a tolerance such that in **mated alignment under a press fit** such boundary surfaces exert sufficient frictional gripping engagement therebetween to anchor same against separation"

Here in Applicants proposal and embodiments a **simplification** of approach in augmenting defensive instruments is revealed and demonstrated ; and is clearly not disclosed nor taught by any cited reference.

Accordingly reconsideration and acceptance of the amended claims are requested.

The agent for the Applicant again brings forward the following:

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It now reads; wfgreenpat@bclnct.ca. Will the Examiner kindly amend that entry in this file.

All of which is respectfully submitted,



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